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Title: Need to review the licensing policy for allotment of shops in the 'Puja Complex', a railway property in Kharagpur, West Bengal – laid.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): A large number of small businessmen and hawkers at the railway land of Kharagpur under South Eastern Railway have been evicted and their temporary structures dismantled by railway administration in the year 1989-99. An announcement and assurance was given to the affected persons that the affected hawkers and business men would be beneficial by a new market complex after its completion. Subsequently a huge market complex namely "Puja Complex" has come up in Kharagpur railway land. The affected people hold their hopes that the railway administration will provide the shops to them in the complex with a low licence fee. But the existing policy does not favour the poor and small businessmen and hawkers as the licence fee for a small room has been fixed over lakhs of rupees. It is beyond the reach of the affected persons. In such a situation, I urge upon the Railway Ministry to address the problem and review the licence policy so that the backward section of the businessmen can get the opportunity to earn their livelihood in the said Complex.